

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A metal halide lamp comprising:

an arc tube having an envelope made of translucent ceramic, a pair of electrodes disposed therein, and one or more halides are enclosed therein; and

a casing tube surrounding at least a portion of the arc tube, the portion positionally corresponding to, in a radial direction of the arc tube, a space between the electrodes, wherein

$L / D \geq 4$ , where  $L$  is a length of the space between the electrodes and  $D$  is an internal diameter of the arc tube, and

$R / r \geq 3.0$ , where  $R$  is an internal diameter of the casing tube and  $r$  is an external diameter of the arc tube, within a region positionally corresponding to, in the radial direction, the space between the electrodes, on a cross-sectional surface where an outer circumference of the arc tube comes closest to an inner circumference of the casing tube.

2. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 1, wherein

$$4.7 \leq R / r \leq 8.0.$$

3. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 1, wherein

$$4 \leq L / D \leq 10.$$

4. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 2, wherein  
 $4 \leq L / D \leq 10$ .
5. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 1, wherein  
the arc tube is disposed in a hermetically-sealed space, and  
a degree of vacuum in the space is no more than  $1 \times 10^1$  Pa at 300 K.
6. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 4, wherein  
the arc tube is disposed in a hermetically-sealed space, and  
a degree of vacuum in the space is no more than  $1 \times 10^1$  Pa at 300 K.
7. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 5, wherein  
one or more oxygen-releasing getters are disposed in the space.
8. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 6, wherein  
one ore more oxygen-releasing getters are disposed in the space.
9. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 1, wherein  
the halides include sodium.
10. (Original) The metal halide lamp of Claim 8, wherein  
the halides include sodium.

11. (Currently Amended) A luminaire comprising:
- a metal halide lamp recited in ~~one of Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1; and
- a lighting circuit for illuminating the metal halide lamp.